# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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CONTAMINATED DRINKING WATER
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether people are compelled to use contaminated water by impurities such as fluoride, arsenic silt, iron and nitrate in several habitations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment with regard to the number of people falling ill due to consumption of such contaminated water;

(d) if so, the total percentage of increase in the number of such patients both in urban and rural areas along with details of examination process adopted in this regard and the names of the States where the number of such cases reported has been the maximum so far; and

(e) the total funds spent by the Government on setting up the plants for providing safe water during the last three years, year- wise and State-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Issues related to drinking water supply are addressed by the Ministry of Rural Development (Department of Drinking Water Supply) for rural areas and Ministry of Urban Development for urban areas. Issues related to illness, patients etc are dealt by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As reported by concerned Ministries, there are certain instances of contaminated water with fluoride, arsenic, iron, nitrate etc. in various parts of the country. The State-wise details of water quality affected habitations is at Annex.

(c) It has been reported by the concerned Ministry that they are not aware of assessment made with regard to number of people falling ill due to consumption of contaminated water.

(d) to (e) Do not arise.

ANNEX

(Annex to Lok sabha Unstirred
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WATER QUALITY AFFECTED HABITATIONS REPORTED BY STATES

(On the basis of survey ordered in March 2000)

| S.No. | State/UT | Habitations Affected by | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Fluoride | Salinity | Iron | Arsenic | Nitrate | Multiple | Total |
| 1 | Andhra Pr. | 3072 | 973 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4050 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pr. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Assam | 0 | 0 | 7585 | 0 | 0 | 534 | 8119 |
| 4 | Bihar | 43 | 0 | 629 | 45 | 50 | 9 | 776 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Chattisgarh | 17 | 61 | 4932 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 5021 |
| 6 | Goa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 4341 | 2575 | 0 | 0 | 1336 | 465 | 8717 |
| 8 | Haryana | 144 | 72 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 145 | 361 |
| 9 | Himachal Pr. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Jharkhaand | 15 | 0 | 113 | 0 | 1 | 39 | 168 |
| 11 | J & K | 0 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 5838 | 4460 | 6633 | 0 | 4077 | 0 | 21008 |
| 13 | Kerala | 34 | 86 | 564 | 0 | 78 | 105 | 867 |
| 14 | Madhya Pr. | 3764 | 604 | 856 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 5381 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 800 | 2077 | 196 | 0 | 296 | 418 | 3787 |
| 16 | Manipur | NR | 0 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 0 | 0 | 160 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 160 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 0 | 0 | 157 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157 |
| 20 | Orissa | 504 | 771 | 30979 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32254 |
| 21 | Punjab | 613 | 1291 | 189 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2093 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 8992 | 5428 | 131 | 0 | 7882 | 18639 | 41072 |
| 23 | Sikkim | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | Tamilnadu | 737 | 674 | 1058 | 0 | 237 | 2868 | 5574 |
| 25 | Tripura | 0 | 0 | 6850 | 0 | 0 | 181 | 7031 |
| 26 | Uttaranchal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | Uttar Pr. | 1046 | 295 | 2198 | 0 | 1 | 1522 | 5062 |
| 28 | West Bengal | 1346 | 4126 | 54711 | 4973 | 0 | 0 | 65156 |
| 29 | A & N Islands | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 26 |
| 30 | D & N Haveli | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | Daman & Diu | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 32 | Delhi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 33 | Lakshadweep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 34 | Pondicherry | 0 | 2 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| 35 | Chandigarh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 31306 | 23495 | 118088 | 5029 | 13958 | 25098 | 216968 |